

REMARKS

By the present Amendment and Response, Applicants' Assignee cancels claims 6-10, 15-17, 22-26, 28-30, 32-37, 39, and 44-48. With this Amendment and Response, claims 13, 14, 21, 40-43, 49, and 50 are currently pending in the application.

I. Allowable Claims

Applicants' Assignee appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 13, 14, 21, 40-43, 49, and 50 are allowable.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Action rejects claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 47 has been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the Action's rejection of this claim moot.

III. Claim Objections

The Action objects to claim 45 for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 45 has been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the Action's rejection of this claim moot.

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

A. Claims 44 and 45

The Action rejects claims 44 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by both U.S. Patent No. 5,752,364 to Benham et al. ("Benham") and U.S. Patent No. 5,683,734 to Israel. Applicants' Assignee respectfully traverses these rejections and requests their withdrawal. Claims 44 and 45 has been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the Action's rejections of these claims moot.

B. Claim 47

The Action rejects claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated both by Benham and U.S. Patent No. 1,487,812 to Schreier. Applicants' Assignee respectfully traverses these rejections and requests their withdrawal. Claim 47 has been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering the Action's rejections of this claim moot.

V. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Action rejects claims 28-30, 46, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Benham in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,536,517 to Hannaford. The Action rejects claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,846,588 to Zimmermann, *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,949,713 to Vogt. Applicants' Assignee respectfully traverses these rejections and requests their withdrawal. Claims 15-17, 28-30, 46, and 48 have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering the Action's rejection of these claims moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' Assignee submits that claims 13, 14, 21, 40-43, 49, and 50 are in condition for allowance and requests early notification of their allowance. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, please phone the undersigned at 404-815-6389.

Respectfully submitted,



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